

When I lie within my bed,  
Sick in heart and sick in head,  
And with doubts discomfited—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,  
And the world is drown'd in sleep,  
Yet mine eyes their vigils keep—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When the passing bell doth toll,  
And the furies in a shoal  
Come to fright my parting soul—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When the tapers all burn blue—  
When the comforters are few,  
And that number more than true—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When the Priest his last has prayed,  
And I nod to what is said,  
'Cause my speech is now decayed—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When (God knows) I'm toss'd about,  
Either with despair or doubt;  
Yet before the glass runs out—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When the tempter me pursueth,  
With the sins of all my youth,  
And half damns me with their truth—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When the flames and hellish cries  
Fright my ears and fright my eyes,  
And all terrors me surpris—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

When the judgment is revealed,  
And that open which was sealed;  
When to thee I have appeal'd—  
Sweet spirit comfort me!

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